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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449, one (1) page, citing five (5) documents (Document Nos. A11-AJ1, AM6, and AS9-AT9);
3. One copy of each of the five (5) cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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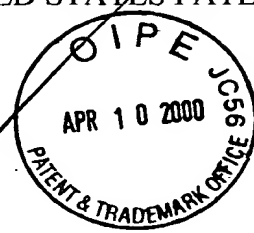
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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 22, 1999 in connection with the above-captioned application.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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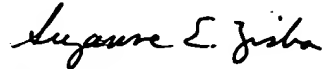
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